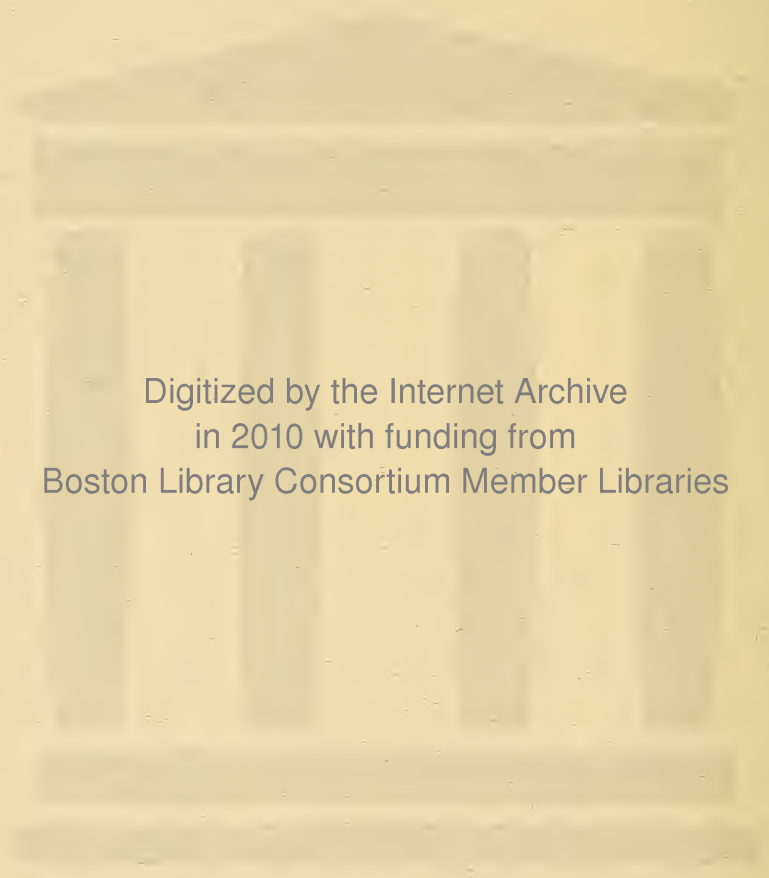


ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town of
STRAFFORD
New Hampshire
1931



For the Year Ending January 31st, 1932



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Town Officers
OF THE
Town of Strafford

For the Year Ending January 31, 1932



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Town Officers

Selectmen

Ellsworth H. Berry Albert M. Leighton
Lewis J. Brown

Treasurer

Chester R. Brown

Town Clerk

Tressa P. Nelson

Auditors

Wilbur Stiles Elwyn B. Howard

Tax Collector

Arthur R. Caverly

Moderator

Virgil I. Scribner

Supervisors

Elmer A. Scribner Edson J. Clark
Frank R. Jones

School Board

Victor L. Caverly Albert E. Foss
Adrian B. Preston

School Treasurer

Florys E. Smith

Trustees of Trust Funds

Albert E. Foss Fred A. Scruton
Charles F. Hill

Library Trustees

Ora E. Berry Lucy S. Hill
Clara Stiles

Health Officer

Lemond G. Howard

The State of New Hampshire

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the
County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Strafford on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor.

4. To see if the town will vote to paint the Town House and appropriate money for the same. —

5. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$200 for control of White Pine Blister Rust.

6. To see what action the town wishes to take in regard to wages to be paid for labor on highway.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$5,500 for highways and bridges.

8. To see if the town will vote to accept State Aid on highways as per articles to be read at town meeting.

9. To see what sum the town will raise for Memorial Day.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

E. H. BERRY,
A. M. LEIGHTON,
L. J. BROWN,

Selectmen of Strafford.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

E. H. BERRY,
A. M. LEIGHTON,
L. J. BROWN,

Selectmen of Strafford.

BUDGET

of the Town of Strafford

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
 Ensuing Year, February 1, 1932, to January 31, 1933,
 Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of
 the Previous Year, February 1, 1931, to January 31,
 1932.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Act. Rev. Prev. Yr. 1931	Est. Rev. Ens'g Yr. 1932	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Savings Bank tax,	\$1,066 36	\$1,066 36		
For fighting forest fires,	31 88	31 88		
For Highways:				
(a) For State Aid main- tenance,	1,969 48	1,000 00		\$969 48
(b) For Trunk line main- tenance,	9,722 41	7,000 00		2,722 41
Interest and dividend tax,	67 65	67 65		
Class 5 highways,	2,961 90	2,961 90		
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All licenses and permits, except dog licenses,	809 82	809 82		
Rent of town hall and other buildings,	65 08	65 08		
Interest received on taxes and deposits,	478 32	478 32		
Income of departments, highways, sewers, etc.,	62 00			62 00
From Poll Taxes,	806 00	700 00		106 00
National bank stock,	27 00	27 00		

From State:

State aid bridge,	\$901 44		\$901 44
Trust fund on deposit,	100 00		100 00

Total revenues from all
sources except property
taxes,

\$19,069 34 \$14,208 01 \$4,861 33

Amount raised by prop-
erty taxes,

24,253 31 23,373 09

Total revenues,

\$43,322 65 \$37,581 10 \$5,741 55

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Act. Exp. Prev. Yr. 1931	Est. Exp. Ens'g Yr. 1932	Increase	Decrease
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Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries,	\$947 00	\$947 00		
Town officers' expenses,	353 35	353 35		
Election and registration expenses,	27 00	150 00	\$123 00	
Care and supplies for town hall,	62 48	200 00	137 52	

Protection of Persons and
Property:

Police department,	45 35	50 00	4 65	
Fire department,	92 75	92 75		
Moth extermination,	285 66	300 00	14 34	

Health:

Health department,	7 90	20 00	12 10	
Vital statistics,	2 75	5 00	2 25	

Highways and Bridges:

State Aid Maintenance:

State's contribution,	1,969 48	1,000 00		\$969 48
Town's contribution,	1,000 00	1,000 00		

Trunk Line Maintenance:

State's contribution,	9,722 41	7,000 00		2,722 41
Town's contribution,	1,000 00	1,000 00		
Town maintenance,	5,215 04	5,900 00	684 96	
Class 5 highways,	3,050 92	2,961 90		89 02

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General expense of highway department,	\$92 57	\$100 00	\$7 43	
Education:				
Libraries,	42 30	42 30		
Charities:				
Town poor,	155 57	400 00	244 43	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and other celebrations,	50 00	50 00		
Interest:				
On temporary loans,	90 42	100 00	9 58	
On long term notes,	1,798 96	1,650 00		\$148 96
On principal of trust funds used by town,	269 50	273 00	3 50	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Construction:				
Bridge:				
State's contribution,	901 44			901 44
Town's contribution,	901 45			901 45
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Long term notes,	3,097 60	3,050 00		47 60
Payment to sinking funds,	100 00			100 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State taxes,	1,512 00	1,512 00		
County taxes,	1,727 30	1,727 30		
Payments to school districts,	7,533 00	7,696 50	163 50	
Total expenditures,	\$42,054 20	\$37,581 10	\$1,407 26	\$5,880 36
				\$4,473 10

Summary of Inventory

Valuation of Town of Strafford, April 1, 1931.

Lands and buildings,		\$576,970 00
Electric plants,		11,575 00
Horses,	125	10,565 00
Oxen,	4	450 00
Cows,	327	19,110 00
Other neat stock,	75	3,200 00
Sheep,	101	465 00
Hogs,	2	40 00
Fowls,	3,995	3,995 00
Fur bearing animals,	2	150 00
Portable mills,	1	1,000 00
Wood, lumber, etc.,		1,875 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks,		2,300 00
Stock in trade,		5,550 00
Aqueducts,		1,000 00
Polls,	403	
		\$638,245 00

Amount of Taxes and Rates

Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes and national bank stock taxes,	\$25,086 31
Rate per cent. of taxation,	\$3 80

List of Appropriations

Town officers' salaries,	\$975 00
Town officers' expenses,	300 00
Election and registration expenses,	25 00
Town hall,	100 00
Police department,	20 00

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Fire department,	\$50 00
Blister rust,	300 00
Health department,	20 00
Vital statistics,	5 00
State aid maintenance,	1,000 00
Trunk line maintenance,	1,000 00
Town maintenance,	5,800 00
General expenses highway department,	200 00
Libraries,	42 30
Town poor,	162 70
Memorial Day exercises and fund,	100 00
Interest,	2,200 00
Payments on principal of debt,	3,020 00
State tax,	1,700 00
County tax,	1,750 00
School tax,	7,533 00

Total town and school appropriations, \$26,303 00

Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:

Interest and dividend tax,	\$60 00
Savings bank tax,	900 00
Motor vehicle permit fees,	800 00
	\$1,760 00

\$24,543 00

Plus overlay, 543 31 |

Net amount to be raised by taxation,	\$25,086 31
Less poll taxes,	\$806 00
Less national bank stock tax,	27 00
	\$833 00

Amount raised by property taxes on which
town tax rate is figured, \$24,253 31

Statement of Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1,183 55
Sinking Funds and interest in Savings Department, Rochester Trust Co.,	1,072 66
Taxes Not Collected: Levy, 1931,	14,442 75
Total assets,	\$16,698 96
Excess of liabilities over assets,	27,929 89
Grand total,	\$44,628 85
Net debt, Jan. 31, 1931,	32,953 32
Net debt, Jan. 31, 1932,	27,929 89
Decrease of debt,	\$5,023 43
Purpose for which debt was created, Trunk Line Construction.	

Statement of Liabilities

Accounts owed by the Town:	
Due Memorial Day Committee for markers, etc.,	\$50 00
Due School Districts:	
(a) Dog licenses,	206 45
(b) Balance of appropriation,	1,673 07
Long Term Notes Outstanding for Trunk Line Construction:	
Rochester Trust Co.,	22,000 00
State Treasury,	11,799 33
E. H. and E. J. Berry,	2,000 00
Trust funds,	6,900 00
Total liabilities,	\$44,628 85
Grand total,	\$44,628 85

List of Town Property

Town hall, lands and buildings,	\$3,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	200 00
Libraries,	1,500 00
Highway Department:	
Equipment,	550 00
Materials and supplies,	300 00
Schools, lands and buildings,	10,000 00
Equipment,	2,000 00
Total,	\$17,550 00

Town Clerk's Report

Automobile Taxes

1931 automobile tax,	\$293 65	
1932 automobile tax,	466 96	
Paid Chester Brown, treasurer, \$760 61		
	\$760 61	\$760 61

Dog Licenses

Received licenses on 91 dogs,	\$254 00	
Paid T. P. Nelson, issuing li-		
censes,	\$18 20	
Paid Chester Brown, treasurer, 235 80		
	\$254 00	\$254 00

TRESSA P. NELSON,
Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1931,	\$2,553 41
Total receipts,	39,588 33
Grand total,	\$42,141 74

Payments

Total payments,	\$40,958 19
Cash on hand January 31, 1932,	1,183 55
Grand total,	\$42,141 74
Sinking fund on deposit at Rochester Trust Co. Savings Department,	\$1,072 66

CHESTER R. BROWN,

Treasurer.

Summary of Receipts

From Local Taxes:

Current year,	\$10,643 56
Previous year,	12,468 70

From State:

For highways,	9,747 26
For other purposes,	1,165 99

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses,	254 00
All other licenses and permits,	809 82
Rent of town hall,	65 08
Interest received,	478 32
Income from departments,	355 60

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans,	\$3,500 00
Trust fund,	100 00

Total receipts,	\$39,588 33
Cash on hand February 1, 1931,	2,553 41

Grand total,	\$42,141 74
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Summary of Payments

General Government:

Town officers' salaries,	\$947 00
Town officers' expenses,	353 35
Election and registration,	27 00
Town hall,	62 48

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police,	45 35
Fire,	92 75
Blister rust,	285 66
Expense of dog licenses,	27 06

Health:

Health department,	7 90
Vital statistics,	2 75

Highways and Bridges:

State aid maintenance,	1,157 47
Trunk line maintenance,	6,971 37
Town maintenance,	5,215 04
Class 5 highway maintenance,	3,050 92
State aid bridge,	1,767 53
General expense of department,	92 57

Education:

Library,	42 30
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Charities:

Town poor,	155 57
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Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day exercises,	50 00
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Unclassified :

Discounts and abatements,	\$108 00
Interest,	2,158 88
Indebtedness Payments:	
Temporary loans,	3,500 00
Term notes and sinking funds,	3,197 60
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State and county,	3,239 30
School districts,	8,400 34
Total payments,	\$40,958 19
Cash on hand January 31, 1932,	1,183 55
Grand total,	\$42,141 74

Detail Statement of Receipts

Taxes, Current Year :

1931

June 20	A. R. Caverly,	\$202 64
July 3	A. R. Caverly,	1,300 23
6	A. R. Caverly,	85 00
Aug. 1	A. R. Caverly,	108 00
Sept. 5	A. R. Caverly,	207 66
Oct. 3	A. R. Caverly,	89 49
Nov. 7	A. R. Caverly,	645 33
7	A. R. Caverly,	60 00
20	A. R. Caverly,	653 60
Dec. 5	A. R. Caverly,	4,892 72
21	A. R. Caverly,	268 88

1932

Jan. 2	A. R. Caverly,	630 69
2	A. R. Caverly,	50 00
30	A. R. Caverly,	1,186 30
30	A. R. Caverly,	263 02

Total,		\$10,643 56
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Taxes Previous Year:

1931

Mar.	7	A. R. Caverly,	\$448 78
Apr.	4	A. R. Caverly,	918 72
	25	A. R. Caverly,	402 25
May	2	A. R. Caverly,	866 71
	5	A. R. Caverly,	87 15
June	6	A. R. Caverly,	516 20
	20	A. R. Caverly,	506 49
	22	A. R. Caverly,	306 03
July	1	A. R. Caverly,	1,007 14
	3	A. R. Caverly,	1,114 09
	3	A. R. Caverly,	1,104 55
	6	A. R. Caverly,	507 89
	17	A. R. Caverly,	386 14
Aug.	1	A. R. Caverly,	569 60
	3	A. R. Caverly,	401 92
	5	A. R. Caverly,	443 27
	6	A. R. Caverly,	1,924 95
Sept.	5	A. R. Caverly,	150 37
	7	A. R. Caverly,	794 66
Oct.	3	A. R. Caverly,	11 79

Total,

\$12,468 70

From State for Highways:

1931

June	20	State treasurer, trunk line main- tenance,	\$500 00
Aug.	14	State treasurer, Class 5,	2,961 90
Oct.	3	State treasurer, trunk line main- tenance,	664 67
Nov.	19	State treasurer, trunk line main- tenance,	1,213 04
	28	State treasurer, trunk line main- tenance,	1,000 00

1932

Jan.	16	State treasurer, State aid main- tenance,	157 87
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16	State treasurer, trunk line main-	
	tenance,	\$2,590 80
16	State treasurer, State aid bridge,	658 98
Total,		\$9,747 26
From State for Other Purposes:		
1931		
June 6	State treasurer, fire bill,	\$31 88
Dec. 5	State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1,066 46
1932		
Jan. 2	State treasurer, interest and div-	
	idend tax,	67 65
Total,		\$1,165 99
Dog Licenses:		
1931		
July 6	Tressa Nelson,	\$93 00
Sept. 5	Tressa Nelson,	39 00
Nov. 30	Tressa Nelson,	37 00
1932		
Jan. 2	Tressa Nelson,	47 00
30	Tressa Nelson,	38 00
Total,		\$254 00
All Other Licenses and Permits:		
1931		
Mar. 7	Irene Scribner, 1931 auto permits,	\$18 74
31	Tressa Nelson, 1931 auto permits,	37 37
Apr. 4	Irene Scribner, 1931 auto permits,	8 61
May 2	Tressa Nelson, 1931 auto permits,	50 96
July 6	Tressa Nelson, 1931 auto permits,	134 32
6	E. H. Varney, pistol permit,	25
Sept. 5	R. E. Waldron, pool table,	10 00
5	A. R. Caverly, pool table,	10 00
5	Tressa Nelson, 1931 auto permits,	42 12
Oct. 3	Herman Ford, pistol permit,	25
Nov. 7	Tressa Nelson, 1931 auto permits,	28 01
Dec. 5	Dean Berry, pistol permit,	25

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Jan. 2	Abbott Mead, pistol permit,	\$ 25
2	Tressa Nelson, 1931 auto permits,	5 60
2	Tressa Nelson, 1932 auto permits,	375 63
30	Tressa Nelson, 1932 auto permits,	87 46

Total, \$809 82

Rent of Town Hall:

1931

June 6	H. R. Foss,	\$2 00
Aug. 1	H. R. Foss,	12 00
	Austin-Cate Academy,	43 08
Sept. 5	H. R. Foss,	8 00

Total, \$65 08

Interest:

1931

Sept. 10	A. R. Caverly, interest on 1930 taxes,	\$478 32
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Income from Departments:

1931

May 4	Roscoe Nelson, 6 posts,	\$3 00
June 6	Merrimack County Commissioners,	74 47
Sept. 5	Chas. W. Varney Co.,	12 03
Oct. 3	Trinity Camp,	50 00
9	E. J. York, refund,	207 10
Dec. 21	A. G. Weeks, gravel,	9 00

Total, \$355 60

Temporary Loans:

1931

May 9	Rochester Trust Co.,	\$3,000 00
June 6	Rochester Trust Co.,	500 00

Total, \$3,500 00

Trust Fund:

1931

Mar. 7	Ella Clark cemetery fund,	\$100 00
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Detail Statement of Payments

Town Officers' Salaries

1931			
Feb.	7	L. J. Brown, copying inventory,	\$10 00
Mar.	7	Elmer L. Smith, auditor,	6 00
		George B. Leighton, auditor,	6 00
		E. H. Berry, balance,	45 00
		L. J. Brown, balance,	46 50
		A. M. Leighton, balance,	46 50
May	2	E. H. Berry, services in part,	50 00
		A. M. Leighton, services in part,	50 00
		L. J. Brown, services in part,	50 00
Aug.	1	E. H. Berry, services in part,	25 00
		A. R. Caverly, balance, 1930,	85 00
		A. R. Caverly, services in part,	50 00
1932			
Jan.	30	Chester R. Brown,	75 00
		L. J. Brown, salary to date,	114 50
		A. M. Leighton, salary to date,	101 00
		E. H. Berry, salary to date,	71 50
		A. R. Caverly, services in part,	65 00
		Tressa P. Nelson,	50 00
Total,			\$947 00

Town Officers' Expenses

1931			
Mar.	7	E. H. Berry,	\$3 00
		L. J. Brown,	3 35
		A. M. Leighton,	4 50
Apr.	4	Irene Scribner, issuing auto permits,	2 75
		Record Press, town reports,	90 95
		E. C. Eastman, supplies,	16 29
		Kimball & Allen, bonds,	40 00

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May	2	Tressa Nelson, issuing auto permits,	\$9 50
July	6	Tressa Nelson, issuing auto permits,	9 75
		E. H. Quimby, roll for adding machine,	35
Aug.	1	Kimball & Allen, bond,	25 00
Sept.	5	Tressa Nelson, issuing auto permits,	3 75
		Tressa Nelson, stamps,	1 00
Oct.	3	Edson C. Eastman, supplies,	1 60
Nov.	7	Tressa Nelson, issuing auto permits,	5 75
1932			
Jan.	2	Tressa Nelson, issuing auto permits,	27 50
	30	C. M. Hill, supplies,	12 33
		Chester R. Brown,	10 00
		L. J. Brown,	24 25
		A. M. Leighton,	20 50
		E. H. Berry,	29 00
Total,			\$353 35

Election and Registration

1931

Feb.	7	George P. Foss, ballot clerk,	\$6 00
Apr.	4	Virgil Scribner, moderator,	3 00
		Henry W. Hayes, ballot clerk,	3 00

1932

Jan.	30	Henry W. Hayes, ballot clerk,	3 00
		Geo. P. Foss, ballot clerk,	3 00
		Harry Parshley, ballot clerk,	3 00
		W. H. Babb, ballot clerk,	3 00
		Virgil F. Scribner, moderator,	3 00

Total,	\$27 00
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Town Hall

1931

Feb.	7	H. R. Foss, janitor,	\$8 00
		E. A. Scribner,	48
		Chester R. Brown, wood,	8 00
Mar.	7	H. R. Foss, janitor,	6 00
Apr.	4	H. R. Foss, janitor,	2 00
		H. R. Foss, insurance assessment,	12 00
		New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	65
May	2	Harry Murray, carpenter,	6 00
June	6	E. A. Scribner,	1 25
		New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	85
Aug.	1	H. R. Foss, janitor,	3 50
Sept.	5	H. R. Foss, janitor,	2 00
Dec.	5	H. R. Foss, janitor,	4 75

1932

Jan.	2	H. R. Foss, janitor,	7 00
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Total,			\$62 48
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Police

1931

Apr.	4	E. A. Scribner, 2 tramps,	\$4 00
May	2	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	2 00
June	6	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	4 00
July	6	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	4 00
Aug.	1	A. C. Mead,	4 50
		E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	50
Sept.	5	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	4 00
Oct.	3	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	6 00
Nov.	7	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	8 00

1932

Jan.	2	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	8 35
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Total,			\$45 35
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Fire

1931

Mar. 7 Geo. P. Foss, fire meeting at Dover, \$8 00

May 2 Geo. P. Foss, 63 75

June 6 Dana C. Woodman, 6 50

Nov. 7 Northwood Fire Department, 4 50

1932

Jan. 30 Northwood Fire Department, 10 00

 Total, \$92 75
Blister Rust

1931

Nov. 7 State Forestry Department, \$285 66

Expense of Dog Licenses

1931

May 2 Edson C. Eastman, dog tags, \$7 66

Sept. 5 Edson C. Eastman, license blanks, 1 00

1932

Jan. 30 Tressa Nelson, collecting, 18 40

 \$27 06
Health Department

1931

Apr. 4 L. G. Howard, \$7 90

Vital Statistics

1932

Jan. 30 Tressa Nelson, \$2 75

State Aid Maintenance

1931

May 16 F. A. Scruton, \$129 67

23 F. A. Scruton, 73 56

June 6 Ralph Gray, 27 00

Aug. 13	F. A. Scruton,	\$8 00
20	E. H. Berry,	181 06
22	M. W. Brock,	13 50
	F. A. Scruton,	70 61
27	F. A. Scruton,	151 57
	E. H. Berry,	117 83
July 6	Ralph Gray,	20 50
	W. B. Wells,	63 77
	F. A. Scruton,	46 05
Aug. 1	E. H. Berry,	15 91
Sept. 5	Ralph Gray,	74 68
	M. W. Brock,	62 11
12	F. A. Scruton,	20 33
Oct. 3	Ralph Gray,	22 50
	F. A. Scruton,	8 33
Nov. 7	Ralph Gray,	32 93
28	M. W. Brock,	10 06
Dec. 5	Ralph Gray,	7 50
Total,		\$1,157 47

Trunk Line Maintenance

1931

Apr. 4	Ralph Gray,	\$16 83
18	F. A. Scruton,	74 00
25	F. A. Scruton,	55 00
May 2	Ralph Gray,	81 50
	Fred A. Scruton,	52 37
9	Fred A. Scruton,	161 00
16	Fred A. Scruton,	340 33
	Fred A. Scruton,	30 00
23	Fred A. Scruton,	371 57
June 6	Ralph Gray,	84 00
22	F. A. Scruton,	249 80
27	F. A. Scruton,	78 29
July 6	Ralph Gray,	71 00
	F. A. Scruton,	10 00
Aug. 1	F. A. Scruton,	6 00

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Aug.	1	Ralph Gray,	\$65 50
	8	F. A. Scruton,	25 00
	15	F. A. Scruton,	17 12
	22	F. A. Scruton,	41 00
	29	F. A. Scruton,	41 55
Sept.	5	Ralph Gray,	118 83
		F. A. Scruton,	24 00
	12	F. A. Scruton,	55 00
	19	F. A. Scruton,	93 67
	26	F. A. Scruton,	89 67
Oct.	3	Ralph Gray,	94 66
		F. A. Scruton,	61 67
	10	A. M. Leighton,	68 44
		F. A. Scruton,	64 00
	17	F. A. Scruton,	39 12
	24	F. A. Scruton,	44 00
	26	A. M. Leighton,	27 55
		A. M. Leighton,	220 84
	31	E. H. Berry,	199 57
		A. M. Leighton,	129 48
Nov.	7	E. H. Berry,	372 74
		W. O. Mason,	380 79
		L. J. Brown,	36 11
		A. M. Leighton,	250 85
		Ralph Gray,	172 35
	14	E. H. Berry,	276 35
		L. J. Brown,	49 91
	20	A. M. Leighton,	478 12
	21	E. H. Berry,	75 45
		W. O. Mason,	299 84
	22	A. M. Leighton,	232 91
	28	E. H. Berry,	274 21
Dec.	5	A. M. Leighton,	506 17
		Ralph Gray,	155 82
		E. H. Berry,	101 34
	22	F. A. Scruton,	5 00
		A. M. Leighton,	101 05

Total,

 \$6,971 37

Town Maintenance

1931

Feb.	7	A. M. Leighton,	\$12 15
		City of Rochester,	1 20
		L. J. Brown,	25 90
		A. C. Berry,	23 95
		W. C. Demeritt,	14 40
		E. B. Allen,	21 08
		J. M. Felker,	168 90
		E. H. Berry,	26 00
		A. B. Preston,	24 45
		Fred A. Turmell,	33 00
		Geo. R. Foss,	11 00
		H. A. Winkley,	8 67
		S. E. Hanson,	12 00
		Melvin A. Davis,	12 00
		Arthur Tasker,	31 51
		Town of Barnstead,	30 00
		W. J. Rowe,	16 24
		E. A. Scribner,	8 40
Mar.	7	Fred A. Turmell,	93 96
		Arthur C. Gray,	8 17
		Alvin H. Wheeler,	10 01
		W. J. Rowe,	50 90
		A. B. Preston,	30 52
		C. C. Scruton,	27 25
		E. H. Berry,	101 88
		Geo. R. Foss,	16 13
		John M. Felker,	304 40
		L. J. Brown,	19 00
		Forrest Harvey,	43 15
		G. B. Leighton,	62 30
		E. B. Allen,	40 69
		E. J. Clark,	11 74
		W. C. Demeritt,	37 30
		H. A. Winkley,	64 85

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Mar.	7	A. H. Tasker,	\$46 56
		C. H. Lakeman,	25 26
		A. M. Leighton,	36 17
		A. C. Berry,	25 50
		Clarence E. Parsons,	10 00
Apr.	4	H. A. Winkley,	22 97
		A. B. Preston,	22 67
		C. C. Scruton,	9 57
		J. M. Felker,	98 37
		E. H. Berry,	35 67
		F. H. Mooers,	10 00
		W. C. Demeritt,	13 60
		E. B. Allen,	15 50
		A. M. Leighton,	160 84
		G. B. Leighton,	85 72
		C. H. Lakeman,	34 33
		Arthur Tasker,	40 84
		Forrest Harvey,	31 68
		W. J. Rowe,	24 53
		A. C. Berry,	19 22
		L. J. Brown,	6 00
		Town of Northwood,	800 00
May	2	J. M. Felker,	153 22
		C. C. Scruton,	36 65
		F. J. Berry,	221 64
		W. C. Demeritt,	47 10
		J. B. Gray,	12 21
		E. B. Allen,	33 78
		G. B. Leighton,	65 28
		F. J. Piper,	44 74
		F. H. Mooers,	10 00
		H. A. Winkley,	14 27
		L. J. Brown,	33 70
		John Varney,	2 67
		W. J. Rowe,	51 67
		E. H. Berry,	6 67
		Geo. P. Foss,	5 40

May	2	S. E. Hanson,	\$28 43
	12	Romeo Peck,	175 00
June	6	J. M. Felker,	15 67
		A. M. Leighton,	1 50
		H. A. Winkley,	62 40
		E. A. Scribner,	23 03
		Fred E. Huckins,	21 12
		L. P. Hanson,	4 00
		J. B. Gray,	26 70
		F. H. Mooers,	5 00
		Forrest Harvey,	26 39
		W. J. Rowe,	29 00
July	6	Forrest Harvey,	25 73
		E. B. Allen,	53 40
		G. B. Leighton,	9 76
		W. J. Rowe,	6 60
		Robert L. Caverly,	10 86
		C. H. Lakeman,	15 19
		W. J. Rowe,	60
		A. M. Leighton,	127 82
Aug.	1	Avery & Pratt,	1 67
		John M. Felker,	9 35
		J. B. Gray,	12 55
		A. M. Leighton,	58 25
Sept.	5	A. B. Preston,	29 03
		J. M. Felker,	71 78
		G. E. Rewitzer,	1 00
		S. E. Hanson,	87 48
Oct.	3	A. B. Preston,	42 33
		L. J. Brown,	17 67
Nov.	7	C. C. Scruton,	6 83
Dec.	5	M. S. Brock & Son,	227 23
		F. O. Caswell,	24 87
	26	John M. Felker,	35 20
1932			
Jan.	2	H. A. Winkley,	7 34
		E. A. Scribner,	48 84

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Jan.	2	A. M. Leighton,	\$49 00
	30	C. M. Hill,	6 08
		C. C. Scruton,	5 24
		Maurice Liptzer,	88 00
Total,			\$5,215 04

Class 5 Highways

1931

June	6	E. H. Berry,	\$32 00
		L. J. Brown,	56 55
July	6	H. A. Winkley,	64 40
		A. B. Preston,	68 64
		Geo. P. Foss,	35 22
Aug.	1	L. J. Brown,	28 67
Sept.	5	E. B. Allen,	20 10
		J. M. Felker,	103 80
		Oscar Hall,	7 30
		H. A. Winkley,	168 00
		W. J. Rowe,	258 67
		L. J. Brown,	94 33
		A. M. Leighton,	77 00
Oct.	3	C. C. Scruton,	126 00
		H. A. Winkley,	42 00
		W. J. Rowe,	42 00
		L. J. Brown,	80 60
	26	A. M. Leighton,	215 40
	31	A. M. Leighton,	278 22
Nov.	7	Forrest Harvey,	84 60
		C. H. Lakeman,	41 00
		B. N. Young,	28 00
		L. J. Brown,	31 80
		S. E. Hanson,	41 08
		A. M. Leighton,	358 89
	20	A. M. Leighton,	72 22
		L. J. Brown,	82 24
Dec.	5	M. W. Brock,	32 96

Dec.	5	J. M. Felker,	\$91 67
		Susan Drew,	2 00
		S. D. Felker,	8 90
		Geo. L. Foss,	3 80
		W. C. Demeritt,	27 50
		W. J. Rowe,	30 84
1932			
Jan.	2	E. H. Berry,	180 00
		A. B. Preston,	5 67
		A. C. Berry,	57 00
		L. J. Brown,	40 67
		W. J. Rowe,	10 18
		Harold Foss,	21 00
Total,			\$3,050 92

State Aid Bridge

1931			
Sept.	23	A. F. Yeaton,	\$308 74
	28	A. F. Yeaton,	442 89
Oct.	3	E. J. York,	207 10
	5	A. F. Yeaton,	262 50
	9	A. F. Yeaton,	546 30
Total,			\$1,767 53

General Expense Highway Department

1931			
May	2	Dyar Sales & Machine Co.,	\$7 50
July	6	Chas. W. Varney Co., insurance,	81 32
Aug.	1	Dyar Sales & Machine Co.,	3 75
Total,			\$92 57

Library

1931			
Dec.	5	Mary E. Foss,	\$42 30

Town Poor

1931

Apr.	4	H. C. Kennison, Jesse Corson ac-	
		count,	\$34 81
		C. M. Hill, Jesse Corson account,	30 00
May	2	E. A. Scribner, Bert Hawkins' ac-	
		count,	6 50
July	6	H. C. Kennison, Jesse Corson, ac-	
		count,	9 66
Aug.	1	Strafford County Farm, for Bert	
		Hawkins,	35 00

1932

Jan.	30	County of Strafford, old age pen-	
		sion for Henry Bunker,	39 60

Total,			\$155 57
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Memorial Day Exercises

1931

May	2	John M. Felker, treasurer,	\$50 00
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Discounts and Abatements

1931

Aug.	1	A. R. Caverly, abatements on	
		1930 taxes,	\$108 00

Interest

1931

Apr.	4	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	\$14 00
June	6	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	50 00
July	6	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	8 00
Aug.	1	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	3 50
	12	Rochester Trust Co.,	600 00
Sept.	5	E. H. Berry,	35 00
		Etta J. Berry,	65 00
Oct.	3	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	4 00
Nov.	7	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	3 50
		Rochester Trust Co.,	75 00

Dec.	5	State Treasurer,	\$498 96
	10	Rochester Trust Co.,	12 50
1932			
Jan.	18	Rochester Trust Co.,	2 92
	30	Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds,	186 50
		Rochester Trust Co.,	600 00
Total,			\$2,158 88

Temporary Loans

1931			
Nov.	7	Rochester Trust Co.,	\$3,000 00
1932			
Jan.	18	Rochester Trust Co.,	500 00
Total,			\$3,500 00

Term Notes and Sinking Fund

1931			
Apr.	4	Rochester Trust Co., savings department,	\$100 00
Dec.	5	State Treasurer,	1,097 60
1932			
Jan.	30	Rochester Trust Co.,	2,000 00
Total,			\$3,197 60

State and County Precincts

1931			
Dec.	5	State Treasurer, state tax,	\$1,512 00
		Frank R. Bliss, county tax,	1,727 30
Total,			\$3,239 30

Schools

1931			
Apr.	4	Florys E. Smith,	\$500 00
May	9	Florys E. Smith,	700 00

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June	6	Florys E. Smith,	\$1,340 41
		Florys E. Smith, dog tax,	209 93
Aug.	1	Florys E. Smith,	50 00
Sept.	5	Florys E. Smith,	200 00
Oct.	3	Florys E. Smith,	2,300 00
Nov.	7	Florys E. Smith,	1,000 00
Dec.	5	Florys E. Smith,	1,400 00
1932			
Jan.	2	Florys E. Smith,	700 00
Total,			\$8,400 34

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS — PURPOSE OF CREATION All trust funds should be reported giving name of fund and donor.	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment. State also if funds were "borrowed or used for city or town purposes," and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 42, Sec. 22, Public Laws.	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Yr.	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1866	Austin Fund Given by Daniel Austin Lavina Young Fund Given by Lavina Young	Town Notes	\$4,000.00 ⁴ / ₄			\$160.00	\$160.00	
1927	M. J. Wain Fund Given by M. J. Wain	Town Notes	1,000.00 ⁴ / ₄			40.00	40.00	
June 7, 1919	Betsy Welch Fund Given by Betsy Welch	Town Notes	400.00 ⁴ / ₄		\$41.85	16.00	28.00	\$29.85
July 3, 1920	Nancy Perkins Fund Given by Nancy Perkins	Town Notes	200.00 ⁴ / ₄		22.10	8.00	6.00	24.10
Oct. 1, 1921	Betsey Hawkins Fund Given by Betsey Hawkins	Town Notes	100.00 ⁴ / ₄		15.25	4.00	3.00	16.25
Nov. 5, 1921	Samuel Jenness Fund Given by Ida Jenness	Town Notes	100.00 ⁴ / ₄		10.83	4.00	3.50	11.33
Jan. 7, 1922	Abbie Seavey Fund Given by Abbie Seavey	Town Notes	100.00 ^{3 1} / ₂		5.35	3.50	3.00	5.85
		Town Notes	100.00 ^{3 1} / ₂		15.21	3.50	3.50	15.21

June 6, 1925	Paul Hayes Fund Given by Chas. Hayes	Town Notes	50.00	4	7.15	2.00	2.00	7.15
June 6, 1925	John Babb Fund Given by Jennie Babb	Town Notes	100.00	4	8.00	4.00	3.00	9.00
June 14, 1926	Ella Waterhouse Fund Given by Ella Waterhouse	Town Notes	200.00	3½	15.00	7.00	6.00	16.00
Apr. 3, 1926	Abbie Caverly Fund Given by Abbie Caverly	Town Notes	100.00	4	6.00	4.00	3.00	7.00
Apr. 2, 1927	Eliza Garfield Fund Given by Eliza Garfield	Town Notes	150.00	4	5.15	6.00	6.00	5.15
Apr. 2, 1927	J. W. Jewell Fund Given by J. W. Jewell	Town Notes	100.00	4	1.00	4.00	4.00	1.00
Aug. 4, 1928	D. W. Smith Fund Given by D. W. Smith	Town Notes	100.00	3½	3.50	3.50	3.00	4.00
Mar. 7, 1928	John D. Clark Fund Given by Ella Clark	Town Notes	100.00	3½				
					\$156.39	\$269.50	\$274.00	\$151.89

Report of Auditors

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees for the year ending January 31, 1932.

That in our opinion the accompanying statements of Town Officers properly set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending January 31, 1932.

WILBUR G. STILES,
ELWYN B. HOWARD,

Auditors.

Strafford, N. H., February 12, 1932.

Report of Library Trustees

Money on hand January 31, 1931,	\$6 61
Received from town,	42 30

Total receipts,	\$48 91
Money Paid Out:	
Librarian's salary,	\$10 00
Books for library,	33 80

Total payments,	\$43 80
Money on hand January 31, 1932,	\$5 11
Gift by Warren Foss, April 21, 1914,	\$500 00
Total interest on same to January 1, 1932,	484 70

Total fund on deposit in Savings Dept., Rochester Trust Co.,	\$984 70
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ORA E. BERRY,
LUCY S. HILL,
CLARA B. STILES,

Library Trustees.

Report of Librarian

Books added during year,	26
Books loaned during year,	250
Whole number of books in library,	1,266

The library is located at the Town House.
Hours, Tuesdays, 2.30 P. M. to 4.30 P. M.

MARY ELLEN FOSS,
Librarian.

Report of School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

State Aid,	\$3,249 61
Smith-Hughes Federal Aid,	916 07
Local taxation,	8,040 41
Balance previous year taxation,	58 60
Dog licenses,	209 93
Elementary school tuitions,	32 00
Income Trust Funds (2 years),	80 00
Refund on superintendent's salary,	100 00
Temporary loan,	42 00
Cash on hand beginning of year,	1,080 53
Total,	\$13,972 07

Payments

Salaries of District Officers,	\$207 00
Salaries of superintendent,	353 55
Truant officer and census,	18 00
Administration,	77 52
Teachers' salaries,	4,400 00
Text books,	156 26
Scholars' supplies,	165 40
Flags,	10 85
Janitors,	319 50
Fuel,	321 00
Janitors' supplies,	26 89
Repairs,	737 84
Health supervision,	213 55
Transportation,	2,665 20
Academy tuition,	2,240 00

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Special activities,	\$84 88
Per capita tax,	238 00
Land,	45 45
Alteration of buildings,	545 19
Equipment,	86 01
Repaid loan,	42 00
Austin-Cate, Smith-Hughes Aid,	916 07
Total,	\$13,962 16
Cash on hand end of year,	9 91
Grand total,	\$13,972 07

ALBERT E. FOSS,
VICTOR L. CAVERLY,
ADRIAN B. PRESTON,

School Board of Strafford.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Strafford, of which this is a true summary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

INESS V. STILES,
CHESTER R. BROWN,

Auditors.

Report of School Treasurer

For the Year Ending June 30, 1931

Cash on hand June 30, 1930,	\$1,080 53
Received from Town Treasurer, appropriation for schools,	8,040 41
Received from State Treasurer, Smith-Hughes Fund for A. C. A.,	916 07
Received from Charles F. Hill, Young Fund,	80 00
Received from State Treasurer,	3,249 61
Received from Town Treasurer, dog tax,	209 93
Received from all other sources,	395 52
	\$13,972 07
Less School Board's orders paid,	13,962 16
Amount in treasury July 1, 1931,	\$9 91

FLORYS E. SMITH,
School Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Strafford:

On passing by schoolhouses in Strafford recently, you have doubtless noticed the new signs with the name of the school and town plainly marked. These were made at the Bow Lake school by the practical arts class, and cannot fail to interest visitors passing along our highways. You will notice also that a beginning has been made of providing playground apparatus, as recommended in my last report. I renew the recommendation that these advantages be extended to all the schools. Possibly interested individuals or organizations might help in making this possible.

Changes in our working force include the retirement of Miss Ruth B. Whitcomb, school nurse, and Miss Lucy S. Chase, teacher at Perkins school, their places being taken by Miss Margaret McDonald, R. N., and Mrs. Edna L. Young respectively. Arrangements have now been made to have our school nurse serve the territory within the Union only, resulting in greater economy of time and efficiency in administration. This will make an ideal permanent plan.

Our schools have been co-operating in the nationwide George Washington Bicentennial celebration by planting memorial trees furnished by the State Forestry Department and by special exercises in the schools. They also have done their part in the official New Hampshire Daniel Webster celebration by distributing commemorative medals.

Our school systems have an unusual responsibility in times like the present.

1. To practice unusual economy. This applies to school officials, teachers, pupils, and those who furnish materials and services for the schools.

2. To preserve the health and happiness of the children from physical impairment and mental depression. In this the work of the school nurse is more necessary than ever.

3. To prolong the period of education as long as possible, so that untrained boys and girls may not add to the labor surplus.

4. To emphasize the ideals of creative work and craftsmanship through the fine and the practical arts. We may have an over-production of machine-made goods, but there will always be a demand for the creative work of real artists and handicraftsmen.

5. To prepare for the return of prosperity by keeping the efficiency of the schools unimpaired.

Our forefathers established the public schools while wrestling with the hardships of the wilderness. With equal prudence and determination, this generation can carry them on.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER W. DOE,

Superintendent of Schools.

Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance for One Year

Karl Caverly, Everett Clark, Dorothy Brock, Dera Nason, George Howard, Fred Howard, Ralph Brown, Christine Nelson, Walton Stiles, Alfred Turmelle, Bernard Brown, Lauris Brown, Lurana Brown, Elsie Roberts.

School Board's Estimate for 1932-33

Proposed Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries,	\$4,550 00
Text books,	160 00
Scholars' supplies,	160 00
Flags,	10 00
Other expenses of instruction,	15 00
Janitor service,	280 00
Fuel,	265 00
Janitors' supplies,	50 00
Minor repairs and expenses,	175 00
Health supervision,	150 00
Transportation,	2,376 00

Total,	\$8,191 00
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Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers,	\$232 00
Truant officer and school census,	20 00
Academy tuitions,	2,450 00
Superintendent's salary,	272 00
Per capita tax,	250 00
Other obligations,	60 00

Total,	\$3,284 00
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Total required to meet budget,	\$11,475 00
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Expected Income

State Aid,	\$3,638 50
Dog tax,	100 00
Trust Funds,	40 00
Total (deduct),	\$3,778 50
Assessment required to balance budget,	\$7,696 50

ALBERT E. FOSS,
VICTOR L. CAVERLY,
ADRIAN B. PRESTON,

School Board.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1932

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Male or Female			No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
			Male	or	Female											
1931																
Mar. 9	Strafford		F	S		9	All White	Walker Van Horn	Annie Smith	All White	Strafford	Woodsman	Portl'd, Mich.	Deerfield	42	32
Aug. 24	Strafford	Lawrence W.	M	L		4		Lawrence W. Brown	Ethel F. Rudd		Strafford	Farmer	Strafford	Somerville, Ms.	35	32
Oct. 14	Strafford	Carroll Francis	M	L		4		Everett W. Johnson	Ranav'la Hartford		Strafford	Laborer	Raymond	Kingston	25	25
	Strafford	Charlotte Belle	F	L		5		Everett W. Johnson	Ranav'la Hartford		Strafford					

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1932

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1931 June 19	Strafford	Lloyd G. Ingalls Nancy E. Paty	Newton Boston, Ms.	21 18	All White	Store Clerk At Home	Newton Boston, Ms.	Leon G. Ingalls Gertrude Lamb Harold W. Paty Lillian Ruddiman	Newton Newton Plymouth, Ms. Boston, Ms.	Grocer Housewife Retired Housewife	1	Abbott Mead, J. P. Center Strafford

Deaths Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1932

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Years	Mos.	Days	Place of Birth	Sex	Occupation		Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death
									Color	Mar.	Father	Mother			
1931															
May 28	Strafford	Isaac B. Nutter	72	5	29	Gilmanton	M	S	Retired		Gilmanton	Barnstead	John Nutter	Mercy Babb	Suicide
July 18	Strafford	Gilbert A. Sproul	21	6	9	Dover	M	M	Housewife		Wakefield, Ms.	Lynn, Ms.	Charles G. Sproul	Violet I. Nickerson	Asphyxiation
Aug. 31	Strafford	Lura M. Hanson	48	10	17	Gilmanton	F	M	Painter		Gilmanton	Dover	Isaac Nutter	Cora Clough	Cerebral Concussion
Sept. 12	Strafford	Jeremiah Nutter	63	4	26	Wolfeboro	M	M	W		Biddeford, Me.	Wolfeboro	Alonzo Nutter	Maria Young	Chr. Bright's Dis.
Dec. 7	Strafford	Lottie Nutter	91			New York City	F	S			New Brunswick	Rochester	Peter Wales	Vienna Meader	Apoplexy
22	Strafford	Caroline Bodge	75	7	17	Pawnee, Ill.	F	S			Barrington		James Bodge		Cere. Thrombosis

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TRESSA P. NELSON,
Town Clerk.

